

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The amendment filed on January 28, 2008 was not entered. The present response maintains the same amendments except that it instead amends Claim 1 to recite that the brake caliper is removably attached to the caliper mount member, and the brake torque sensor is provided at the flange integral with the fixed-side raceway member, and to which the caliper mount member is bolted.

The scope of the presently amended Claim 1 is thus the same as that of the unentered amendment filed on January 28, 2008, except that it clarifies that the brake caliper “is removably attached to the caliper mount member,” so that the caliper mount member is not a part of the brake caliper. Thus, referring to the non-limiting embodiment of FIG. 3(a) and FIG. 3(b), a flange 15 is integral with the fixed-side raceway member 3, a caliper mount member 16 is fixed to the flange 15 with bolts 17, and bolt holes are provided at the caliper mount member 16 for the separate caliper 12 shown in Fig. 1. The strain gauges 2a are affixed to the flange 15.

Concerning the rejection of cancelled Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Salou et al, the caliper mount member (projections 43 and 44) in Salou et al is integral with the more central part of the interface 5 (fixed-side raceway member). The claimed flange and bolt thus are not present in Salou et al.

Moreover, the presently claimed “caliper mount member” cannot be interpreted to read on the portion of the caliper 15 of Salou et al that is bolted to the projections 43-44 because Claim 1 now recites that the caliper is both separate from the flange and *removably attached* to the caliper mount member. Amended Claim 1 therefore defines over Salou et al.

The arguments in the response of January 28, 2008 which responded to the rejections of the dependent claims are herein affirmed and are incorporated by reference.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicits an early Notice of Allowability.

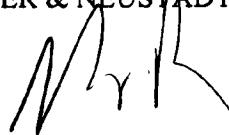
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